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Director of the Seat Pleasant Public Engagement Department,
Sharron Lipford, encouraging Seat Pleasant Elementary students on
their first day of the 2019-2020 school year.

Seat Pleasant Elementary 2019 First Day of School

Seat Pleasant Elementary students were welcomed to their first day of the 2019-2020 school year like the academic stars that they are. The Star-studded arrival included a red carpet, welcome DJ, photo opportunities and more.

Special thanks to Seat Pleasant's own and WPGC's morning radio host, Joe Clair, public figure, Shack ND Pack and other members of the WPGC 95.5 team, Mayor Eugene W. Grant and members his administration, City Council, District 6 Board of Education Member, Belinda Queen, City Staff and more. Also, a thanks to Dr. Richardson, Principal and Mrs. Early, Assistant Principal and their staff for all of their work. It's going to be an excellent year.

This year students "School of Excellence Without Excuse Through" quality instruction and differentiated levels of support, we will provide all of our students with a level of excellence in education that prepares them for college and careers.

SPES Pledge



Today I choose to be

a scholar, a creator, a critical thinker, and
a problem solver. I will honor my parents by
respecting

my teachers and my peers. I believe I am healthy
and strong, and my future is bright and full of
promise.

I will be respectful

I will be responsible

I will be ready to learn

I will be a good example

And I will be college and career ready.

I can learn!

I will learn!



Seat Pleasant Elementary Principal,
Dr. Lachonta Richardson

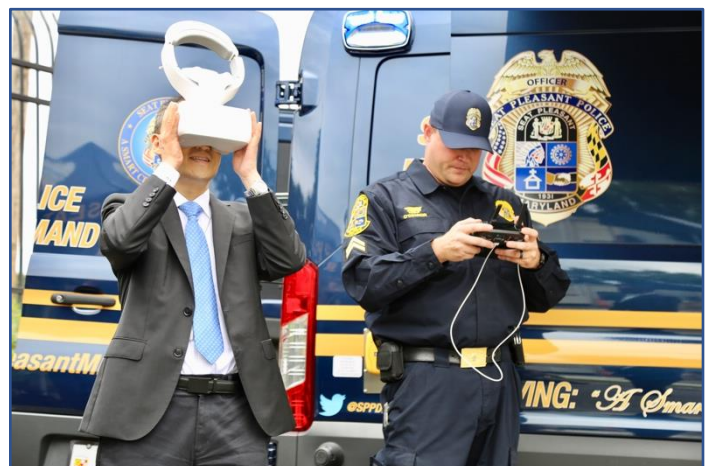
NIST Visits Seat Pleasant

Last month the City was honored to host a delegation from The National Institute of Standards and Technology, in Seat Pleasant, a Smart City of Excellence. Representing NIST were Dr. Chris Greer, the Director of the NIST Smart Grid and Cyber-Physical Systems Program Office and the National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability, Dr. Sokwoo Rhee, the Associate Director of the NIST Cyber-Physical Systems Program, and Dr. David Wollman, the Deputy Director of the NIST Smart Grid and Cyber-Physical Systems Program Office.

NIST is a federal agency that enables innovation by playing a critical role in supporting and defining standards as well as coordinating that effort with the Federal Government. During their visit, we shared a thorough presentation of our digital transformation into the World's First Authentic Small Smart City, including the progress we've made thus, our goal of positioning Seat Pleasant as the test bed of innovation, and our vision for Seat Pleasant's Smart City future. We also discussed the pressing need for Smart City investment in small communities across the nation through the development of best practices and standards; a sentiment that was echoed by NIST.

We also shared with NIST, our goals of becoming a regional public safety asset and demonstrated many of the technologies and IoTs we're using to achieve that goal.

We gave NIST a tour of our brand-new Center for Government Synergism and our Mobile Command Bus, and then demonstrated how our Smart City platform is utilized in both. As the only police department in the nation that can fly unmanned air vehicles in the National Capitol Region's No Fly Zone, we felt that it was imperative to demonstrate these capabilities to NIST for a few reasons. Those reasons include the development of standards to regulate how drone programs should be implemented. In addition, we asked NIST to help us set guidelines for drone manufactures, so that future iterations of their products are capable of emergency response in the worst of inclement weather conditions.





WHAT'S YOUR 2020 CENSUS RESIDENCY



Each state receives federal funds for community investment. If you live, work, or spend time in Prince George's County, you benefit from those investments.

WHERE EVER YOU ARE RESIDING ON OR AFTER **APRIL 1, 2020, NATIONAL CENSUS DAY** THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL BE COUNTED BY THE CENSUS.

Temporary Residents, Vacationers, Multi-Home Owners and “Snowbirds” -Each housing unit will receive census mailers, but the “head of household” will respond using the address of their usual residence. Children under shared-custody will be counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. In cases of equally-shared custody, children will be counted where they are present on National Census Day.

Non-Citizens - If living in the U.S., they will be counted at their usual residence. Tourists, business travelers or other temporary visitors will not be counted.

Residents of Group Facilities – Will be counted at the facility in which they are housed or living on National Census Day.

Active Military Personnel and Families - Those stationed at a military installation in the U.S., will be counted at their usual residence either on-base or off-base. If stationed overseas, they will be counted as part of the federally-affiliated overseas population. If stationed stateside but deployed overseas during the census, they will be counted at their usual residence in the U.S. If aboard a military vessel, they will be counted at either their usual U.S. residence or as a part of the federally-affiliated overseas population — depending on whether the vessel’s homeport is in the U.S. or overseas.

College and Boarding-School Students - College students living on campus or in off-campus housing will be counted at school facilities or at their off-campus housing, even if they visit home on holidays and breaks. If they commute, they will be counted at their usual residence. If attending a school outside the U.S. and living abroad, they will not be counted. Boarding school students will be counted at their parents’ home.

Persons Living Abroad -If they are living abroad as part of a federal mission, they will be counted as part of the federally-affiliated overseas population. If otherwise living abroad, they will not be counted. If traveling overseas temporarily, they will be counted at their usual residence in the U.S.

Persons in Shelters and the Homeless- If they still have a usual residence, they will be counted where they live and sleep most of the time. If they do NOT have a usual residence on April 1, 2020, but are staying at a temporary shelter or residence, they will be counted at that shelter or residence. If they reside outdoors with no shelter on April 1, 2020, they will be counted at the outdoor location where they are present on Census Day. Census enumerators will only visit targeted outdoor locations identified in advance with the help of municipal officials and nonprofit organizations.

Incarcerated Persons -Will be counted at the facility in which they are incarcerated on April 1, 2020.



Census 2020 in Seat Pleasant



Seat Pleasant is continuing to stay involved with the County's outreach efforts. City Government staffers were present for the 2nd Prince George's County 2020 Census Municipal Subcommittee meeting at the Laurel Library. Attendees formed groups and were given a Hard-To-Count (HTC) population (children between the ages of 1-5 years, non-English speaking citizens, senior citizens, the homeless, and low-income persons). Each group was charged with being creative in thinking of places to reach HTCs. Some of the ideas included shelters, international markets, eateries and bulletin boards. Census outreach ideas are limitless. If you are getting the word out to

anyone, that is outreach and you are a Census Ambassador!! Seat Pleasant was also present to help man and pass out literature at the PG County 2020 Census Booth and the fair grounds at the Prince George's Fair at the Equestrian Center.

If you would like to be a part of this historical and significant time in our city by being counted and making sure your neighbors and family complete their 2020 census survey, please contact Ms. Kyrthlyn Rhoda at 301-336-2600 or via email at kyrthlyn.rhoda@seatpleasantmd.gov.



City Clerk

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk

August 2019

The City Council was on recess for the month of August 2019.

Monday, August 5, 2019 Special Session held

- The Seat Pleasant City Council met in a Special Session to approve two Legislative Action Request to be submitted to the Maryland Municipal League. The Legislative Action Request (LAR-7) was to allow local governments to approve the type of businesses that come into the community. The second Legislative Action Request (LAR-13) was to request for funding to be added in the State Budget to assist local governments with Smart City Technology. **Approved 6-0-0**

Thursday, August 15, 2019 Special Session held

- The Seat Pleasant City Council met in a Special Session to approve **Resolution R-20-02** to Extend the Bond Anticipated Note for the renovations to Seat Pleasant City Hall and Public Works Facilities. **Approved 4-0-0**

September 2019

Monday, September 9, 2019 Regular Work Session

- **Resolution R-20-03** Approval of an Application and Receipt of Funding from Maryland Affordable Housing Trust. **Approved 6-1-0**

Monday, September 9, 2019 Public Session

- The Meeting Minutes for July and August were approved on Monday, September 9, 2019.

The City Council monthly meetings for October will be on **Monday, October 7, 2019, Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m.** and the **Public Session will be on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00p.m.** All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. **The meetings will be held at the temporary location, located at 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD.**

Copies of Legislation and Meeting Minutes may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

City Hall Update

On July 12th, The City of Seat Pleasant “A Smart City of Excellence” held a ground-breaking ceremony at the site including residents, city staff and officials. Since the ceremony two months ago, this marked the beginning of the construction and renovation of our City Hall and Public Works facilities. Seat Pleasant was able to secure a 4.1 million-dollar loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to renovate City Hall and the Public Works Facility. These building modifications and upgrades are long overdue. Built in 1965 these facilities have never been renovated and have become out of compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, made possible through a United States Department of Agriculture Financing Program.



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THE NEW MYSEATPLEASANT APP WILL BE THE ONLY VERSION AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

- MAYOR EUGENE W. GRANT

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- REQUEST CITY SERVICES -
- CONNECT WITH CITY LEADERS -

DOWNLOAD TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY'S SMART CITY TRANSFORMATION

Download the My Seat Pleasant App

The Seat Pleasant App allows users to connect with the City government for better, faster, and more personalized city services. Using this App, you can report a concern and receive status updates. You can learn about issues in your city, create police reports, and apply for jobs. You can also use our interactive, natural language question & answer feature powered by IBM Watson. The app's intuitive interface puts the power in your hands to explore and become an active participant in your local government.

Check out the "City of Seat Pleasant" YouTube Channel to learn how to navigate through the My Seat Pleasant App.

Prince George's County Request Toys

The mission of the Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

To find out how to donate, request toys or volunteer, please contact Local Toys for Tots Coordinating Officer, Dawn Stem, 410 798 7702, dawnstem7@gmail.com.

Report a Downed Tree

Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation allows you to report a downed tree or limb, by calling 311 or [301. 883. 4748](tel:3018834748).

Trees on private property are the responsibility of the homeowner.



Public Hearing

Oct. 8 7:00PM

temporary city council chambers
311 68th Place,
Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743

Help shape Seat Pleasant!



MAYOR EUGENE W. GRANT



The City of Seat Pleasant will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the development of **The Arts, Cultural, and Technology Village**



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Business Highlight

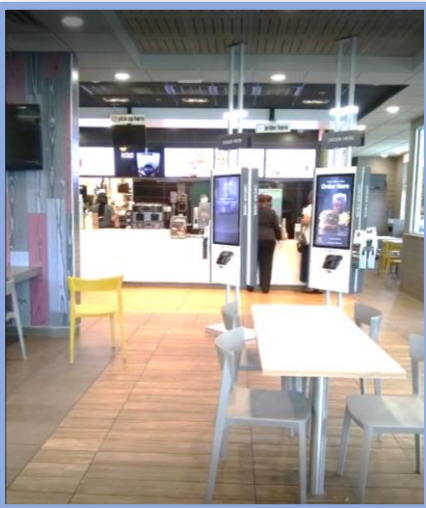


6131 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway

The Business of the month is the McDonalds located at 6131 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway. This McDonalds was the first in Prince George's County to benefit from the 2018

McDonald's Corporation's \$104

million construction and modernization investment in 135 McDonald's throughout the State of Maryland. These modern features include self-ordering touchscreen kiosks, state of the art food storage and preparation, modernized décor and more employee opportunities.



Mr. Isaac Green, owner and manager of the franchise, has totally embraced the modern features envisioned by the Corporation. Food storage is maintained on standardized labeled lectrieviers and accessible by the pushing of a button. This eliminates potential employee injuries and wasted retrieving time. It also also features one of the many design choices offered to McDonald's ranchise owners. Over 30

designers from around the world came together to develop several design packages that are totally different from the cafeteria look of the Golden Arches' early days. Max Carmona, McDonald's senior director of U.S. restaurant design, reported a few years ago, they wanted a more comfortable and intimate restaurant style for McDonalds. They even changed from fluorescent to LED lighting, which not only is more energy efficient but the color temperature on the lighting makes the food and people look better as they are dining.



Finally, this McDonald's mirrors Seat Pleasant's vision for a Smart City through patron and resident connectivity by featuring the self-order kiosks. McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook reported the technology system of the kiosks are providing data collected from customers to make meal suggestions based on time of day, weather or menu trends. The kiosks also free up employees to learn other aspects of the business which include customer interaction beyond the cash register in the forms of table services, concierges and modernized section management. Mayor Grant had an opportunity to tour the new facility and interact with employees when the modernization was completed. They stated their new McDonalds has created a cleaner, more structured, and better learning environment.



The City of Seat Pleasant

A Smart City of Excellence

311 68th Place

Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Phone 301 336 2600

Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



Unity In The Community
&
The City of Seat Pleasant: "A Smart City of
Excellence"

Pre Thanksgiving
DINNER

Friday, November 22nd, 2019

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES FREE FOOD

Seat Pleasant Activity Center
5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743
Starting at 12 noon



Unidad En La Comunidad
&
La Ciudad De Seat Pleasant: "Una Ciudad
Inteligente de Excelencia"

Pre Accion De Gracias
Cena

Viernes, Noviembre 22nd, 2019

Companerismo Ocupaciones Comida Gratis

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